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TAGS: PEPR, CY, US
SUBJECT: SENATOR PERCY'S VISIT TO CYPRUS-
TURKISH REACTION

REF: NICOSIA 3079

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. TURKISH DCM TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT (EUR/SE) AUGUST 20 TO EXPRESS TURKISH CONCERN OVER SENATOR PERCY'S VISIT TO CYPRUS, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS "DETRIMENTAL TO THE CURRENT SENSITIVE STAGE OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS." DEPTOFF EXPLAINED THAT SENATOR WAS ESSENTIALLY TRAVELLING ON VACATION AND THAT DEPARTMENT COULD NOT ADVISE HIM TO REFRAIN FROM VISITING CYPRUS. NONETHELESS, PERCY DID PLAN TO MAKE A FEW COURTESY CALLS DURING THE FIRST DAY OR TWO, INCLUDING A TRIP TO THE NORTH TO VISIT DENKTASH, THE LEADER OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY. CHARGE THEN SUGGESTED SENATOR DIVIDE HIS TIME EQUALLY BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH. HE WAS ADVISED THAT THIS UNREALISTIC, GIVEN FACT VISIT IS PRIVATE ONE WITH SENATOR PAYING HIS OWN EXPENSES. DEPTOFF SUGGESTED TURKISH EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO PASS CONCERNS,

INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS TO FACILITATE VISIT, DIRECTLY TO SENATOR PERCY.

3. WE HAVE PASSED TURKISH CONCERNS TO PERCY STAFFER WHO UNDERTOOK TO APPRISE THE SENATOR OF THEM. SHULTZ
END OF MESSAGE

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State Dept. review completed

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